

Beaver County  
Beaver, UT 84713  
September 7, 2004

The Board of County Commissioners met on September 7, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. for its regularly scheduled meeting. Those present were William L. Dalton, Chairman; Mark S. Whitney, Member; Patrick R. Yardley, Member; Von J. Christiansen, Attorney; Bryan L. Harris, Commission Assistant; and Paul B. Barton, Clerk/Auditor.

Minutes of the August 2, & 16, 2004 meetings were read. It was moved by Comm. Yardley, and seconded by Comm. Whitney to approve the minutes. Comm. Yardley and Comm. Dalton voted in favor of the motion. Comm. Whitney abstained because he was absent from the August meetings.

Doug Erickson, Road Supervisor, met with the Board to give an update on road activities. The Thermo road will be finished on the chip/seal next week. He is still waiting for the delivery of the road chips. Comm. Yardley and Mr. Harris will go with Mr. Erickson to meet with Circle Four on the maintenance of the Bio Plant road. Mr. Erickson felt that the road would be better served by allowing the magnesium chloride to cure over the winter and allow Mr. Erickson time to monitor how the road is draining before applying the road chips.

Todd Black and Mark Nelson, from U.S.U. Extension Service, met with the Board to discuss problems with the possible listing of the sage grouse as endangered or threatened. This would cause problems with grazing permits on federal ground. Mr. Black explained the statewide plan to try and deal with this situation. This involves setting up local working groups involving land owners, Federal Government agencies, state government, sportsmen, range permit holders and other affected groups. Mr. Black answered the Board's questions. The best way to influence the process is for the permit holders to become active in the process.

The Board discussed the Predator Control Contract with the State of Utah. This is to try and control the coyote population in the county. It was moved by Comm. Yardley, seconded by Comm. Whitney and unanimously approved to authorize Chairman to sign the contract.

Maureen Verhaeren, I.T. Director, met with the Board to discuss the adoption of an internet use policy for county employees while using county equipment. Mr. Christiansen was concerned about paragraph D on prohibited uses related to religious or political purposes. It was moved by Comm. Whitney, seconded by Comm. Yardley and unanimously approved to adopt the policy and incorporate it into the personnel policy with the following addition: D. Prohibited Use- Any activity with religious or political purposes outside the scope of the user's assigned and authorized governmental duties, *except for incidental personal purposes as allowed above.*

Ms. Verhaeren discussed an agreement with Stancil Solutions. The agreement was that Stancil will provide maintenance on the computer recording device for the 911 system. It was moved by Comm. Whitney, seconded by Comm. Yardley and unanimously approved to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. The annual cost to the County is \$721.00 and is within the existing budget.

Nancy George met with the Board to discuss a request for abatement or forgiveness of restaurant taxes for the period January, 2001 thru June, 2004. The Georges owned the Renegade Lounge and were not aware that they were subject to the tax and therefore were unable to collect the tax during the period in question. Mr. Christiansen had researched the issue and found that the Board could forgive the tax upon showing of just cause by the applicant. It was moved by Comm. Whitney, seconded by Comm. Yardley and unanimously approved to sign a letter informing the Utah State Tax Commission that the Board of Commissioners forgives the restaurant tax owing for the above stated period.

Mr. Harris discussed a request to open roads for ATV use on the Forest Service land. It was moved by Comm. Whitney, seconded by Comm. Yardley and unanimously approved to authorize ATV use on roads designated between Piute and Beaver counties if all parties involved are in agreement. The matter was referred to Mr. Harris to work out the agreement.

LeeAnn Joseph, County Treasurer, met with the Board to discuss liens to be attached to property taxes. It was moved by Comm. Whitney, seconded by Comm. Yardley and unanimously approved to attach to real property taxes from Service District #5 and Elk Meadows Service District. A list of affected properties is attached.

Sheriff Ken Yardley and Keith Draper, Jail Commander, met with the Board to discuss staffing needs at the jail. Lt. Draper explained that due to increased traffic and the need to follow through on documentation, there is a need for a full-time dispatch supervisor. It was the consensus of the Board to advertise for the position.

James Robinson and Rylee Robinson, from J.R. Ready Mix, met with the Board to discuss the road chip supply that they were providing to the county. Doug Erickson was also present for the discussion. James stated that he wanted to settle the bill because they had used county equipment to haul the chips and additional time on a rented sweeper. It was the consensus of the Board to allow Mr. Erickson and Mr. Harris to reach agreement with J.R.

Also, James discussed the possibility of setting up a 5 year contract to provide road materials. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with a bid on a minimum quantity of road chips of 5,000 ton and road base of 10,000 ton.

Bills on file were approved for payment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

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Clerk/Auditor

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